

Martin Luther found the answer: trust in the Lord and do good. Martin Luther never thought of wanting to break with the church. What he wanted was to take the Bible ^{which he} ~~as he~~ understood the church stood for and to present its truth. But this was an aspect of truth that Martin Luther found so profound. H. McCallister Griffiths went into a church to preach and he told me that he preached for seven Sunday evenings on the idea that the grace of God is free; there is nothing we can do to receive it. He said there was one of the leaders of this church who sat right in the front row every Sunday night and listened. He said the seventh Sunday night when he was preaching this same idea suddenly there came a great smile on this mans face, and the man came up to him after the service and said, Pastor, I've got a new idea: you know the grace of God is absolutely free! There's nothing you can do to merit it!" That's the situation. It's so simple, you can't believe it It just seems like nothing, but it is what we need for our whole lives. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "Trust in the Lord."

That's the message the whole world needs. That's the message everybody needs. And you might say that the principle message you can give to pastors is to put your stress on this. You tell it; say it. It seems so simple. You think, Oh, they know this. But the human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, and the Word of God penetrates slowly. God wants you to take this simple message and get it across. "Trust in the Lord and do good." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."